



## Talking Points for January 29 Commerce Committee Hearing on SB 0123

### Background on Issue:

In 2001-2002, the Business Corporations Act was amended to allow meetings to be held via electronic media, online voting, video conferencing and electronic notice of meetings. In this process, making the same changes to the Non-Profit Corporations Act was overlooked.

### Background on MSAE involvement:

In 2004, the Michigan Dental Association approached MSAE to call attention to the fact that under the current law associations could not conduct board elections via email and encouraged MSAE to take up the issue.

In November 2005, MSAE convened our Legislative Committee to discuss the best way to remedy this situation and contacted Senator Alan Sanborn to assist us in moving forward with this legislation.

In June 2006, MSAE testified before the Senate Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Committee and subsequently passed SB 1279. The bill was not introduced in the House.

### Impact for the members of the association community:

This legislation would bring parity to the For Profit Business Corporations Act and the Non-Profit Corporations Act as well as bringing the law in line with what is currently the practice of many associations in Michigan.

### Position of MSAE on this issue:

MSAE strongly supports the passage of SB 0123.

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